IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Sheng Mei SHEN et al. :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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IMAGE PREDICTIVE CODING METHOD (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 10/229,151, Filed August 28, 2002)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: